

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/019,995
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 9 and ending at the bottom of page 11 with the following:

The germ extracts, thus obtained, are substantially completely free from albumen (endosperm) that contains an endogenous specific inhibitor, such as tritin, and etc., and the germ has been purified substantially. Upon assaying the contamination of albumen proteins before and after the ultrasonication by an immunoblot method using an anti-tritin antibody and tritin as an index, it has been confirmed that ultrasonication washing resulted in ~~reducing~~ reducing tritin content to below ~~detective~~ detection limits. This indicates that the germ extracts is substantially free from contamination with albumen proteins and that other protein synthesis inactivating factors localized in albumen, such as thionine and ribonuclease, are also removed from the germ extracts. The obtained germ extracts are purified to such an extent that ribosomes are not deadenylated substantially, and the ribosome deadenylation ratio is below 7%, preferably 1% or less.